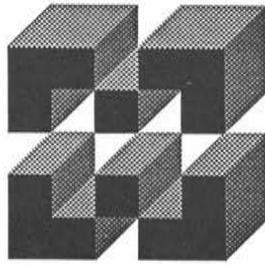
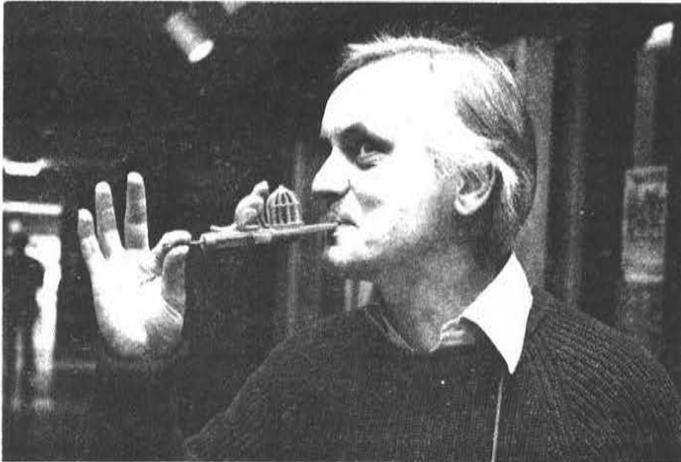


# The Harper Insider



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## Whistle While You Work?

John Knudsen blew his whistle to gather participants at the 11th Annual Illinois Printing and Drawing Exhibition. Knudsen put the show together 11 years ago because he saw a need for "a good format for Illinois artists" to display their work. Elgin has sponsored a show for the last three years and Knudsen would welcome more display vehicles.

The show is open to all Illinois residents and participants have come from Southern Illinois as well as the Chicago metropolitan area. This year's exhibit contained work by 52 Illinois artists selected from 118 entries. The Juror, art professor Keith Achepohl from the University of Iowa, decided to give four equal \$150 awards and not designate first, second and third prize.

Knudsen's fall fabric show will feature quilts. He hopes to arrange an actual quilting bee around the fireplace in early fall. If any Insider readers are interested, give Knudsen a call at extension 2341.

Marlene S. Hunt-Brasch (left), supervisor of the graphics department, and a former student of Knudsen, receives congratulations from Joan Robertson, Art Curator for the Kemper Group. Hunt-Brasch's mixed media entry, "OM-4" won the Kemper Group purchase award.



## Fashion Department Presents "Illusions"

The Harper's Bizarre Club and students in the fashion department will delight their audience with this year's fashion show "Illusions." Students will present "total wardrobe dressing" from swimsuits and cruise wear to evening clothes and "sensational" coats according to fashion promotion coordinator Jo Hopkins Deutsch.

All the fashions have been produced by students "from the ground up," from the design and pattern making stage to the actual modeling of the clothes. The two-year fashion program draws interested students of all ages and leads to an associate degree. Many students, among them Joyce Douglas, a Chicago designer, go into pattern making or production of their own custom clothes.

The annual fashion show is always well attended and proceeds go back to the fashion department in the form of scholarships for students and for purchases such as the display cases in Building H. The show also travels to community groups. Audiences include the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club of Inverness, and Business and Professional Women. The presentation at Harper will be followed by a show for the Barrington Welcome Wagon on May 5.

Professional music by Avron, and choreography by Margaret Long Miller will provide the backdrop for this year's show to be held Friday, May 1 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm in Building M. Ticket prices are \$3.00 for employees and students with I.D. cards.



## Department Developments

The Insider welcomes new employees **Karen Shaner**, Continuing Education; **Patricia Paulford**, Liberal Arts; **Nico Genet**, TMPS; and **Antoinette Flaherty**, Planning and Research. The following faculty members receive hearty congratulations for their recent promotions: promoted to assistant professor were **George Gintowt**, Data Processing and **Trygve Thoreson**, English. Newly-appointed associate professors are **Dennis Brennen**, Economics; **Robert Campbell**, Mechanical Technology; **Pat O'Leary**, Nursing; and **Jerome Stone**, Philosophy. Those promoted to professor were **Margaret Burbach**, Nursing; **Elizabeth Hull**, English; **Gene Kimmet**, Economics; **John Papandrea**, Student Development and **Joseph Yohanan**, Architectural Technology. These promotions are awarded for the recognition of teaching, professional development and service.

**Dee Johnson**, BUS/SS, recently visited with **Phyllis Scherer**, formerly of TMPS. Dee says that Phyllis "looks great" and is enjoying retirement and her new home. The Scherers see **Donn and Dolores Stansbury** (Donn is the former vice-president of Student Affairs) often now that they are living in the same town, Bella Vista, Arkansas.

**Peter Bakas**, former vice president of administrative services, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Shelter, Inc. Shelter provides emergency housing for abused and neglected infants and adolescents in the Northwest suburbs.

The Disabled Student Services Department was chosen by the National Organization of Disability-J. C. Penney Joint Award Program as an award winner in the national community college competition.

"The Man of La Mancha" has received rave reviews by all who have seen it. We were especially proud to see **Lynette Dickens** from the Print Shop playing the role of one of the prisoners. Congratulations to **Mary Jo Willis** and the entire cast and crew for a great effort.

Congratulations also to **Diane DeMonte**, faculty member in AED at the Dempster Development Center, who participated in a figure skating competition in Kenosha County as a member of the Park Ridge Reflections precision skating team and won the second place award.

## Did You Know?

The Friends of Harper present an annual award to a citizen of the College district in recognition for distinguished service to the College and the community.

In 1985, the first award was presented to Mrs. Jessalyn Nicklas of Inverness who helped draft the legislation that established the community college system in Illinois and served on the Harper College Board of Trustees for 14 years. In 1986 Donn Stansbury was chosen to receive the award. If you have someone in mind who you think deserves the honor, please submit your nomination to Elaine Stoermer, extension 2279 before the end of April.

Harper received a positive evaluation from the Illinois Community College Board. Members of the Board visited the College Tuesday, March 24 as a team does every three years as part of a continuous visitation process.

A college is recognized when it is judged to be in compliance with ICCB standards which are based on state statutes. This recognition status is important primarily because state funding is dependent upon a college being recognized.

Each college submits a self evaluation as a part of the application for recognition. The ICCB grants recognition to community colleges which maintain equipment, courses of study, standards of scholarship and other requirements set by the State Board. A written report will follow the positive verbal evaluation given at the exit conference held at the conclusion of the recognition visit.

### From Health Services

Please support the Harper Blood Drive to be held Wednesday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Harper College will participate in Illinois Fitness Day on Friday, May 15. Watch your mail for further details.

## Calling All Bikers!

Time to oil those gears and put air in the tires. Harper will host the American Cancer Society BIKE-A-THON on Saturday, June 6 from 1 to 4 pm at the College.

The course is the 1.7 mile perimeter road around the College and all adults over the age of 18 are invited to participate. Each participant or team receives a pledge sheet to be filled with donor names and contribution amounts and will collect the donations (either a flat amount or so much a mile) after the BIKE-A-THON is finished.

The BIKE-A-THON is the American Cancer Society's biggest fund drive in the Northwest suburbs. Last year 300 riders from businesses in the surrounding area rode for the American Cancer Society. The Harper teams will be cheered on by fellow employees who will count the laps and keep the refreshment tables supplied with fruit, pop, granola bars, etc. supplied by the cafeteria and the bookstore. Call Val Harris in Accounting for more information and to register.



## Insider's View of

### Russ Mills

The Insider welcomes Russ Mills, the new Placement Director. Mills comes to Harper from Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. Prior to his career in placement, Mills worked in Chicago as a correctional counselor for five years with 14-18 year old boys. He is a runner, so you'll probably see him circling the campus. We're happy to have him.

**Born:** Spring Valley, Illinois (near the Illinois River)

**Education:** Undergraduate — Political Science major at Western Illinois University; Master's in Correctional Counseling from Chicago State; Master's in College Student Personnel from Western

**Hobbies:** Running (has run the St. Louis and Chicago marathons), likes to watch basketball and go camping. He has been whitewater rafting in North Carolina, Georgia and Colorado.

**Favorite food:** "Authentic" Mexican and Thai food

**Last good book I've read:** *The Continental Drift*

**Best movie I've seen:** "Five Easy Pieces"

**I would like to stop:** Eating potato chips

**A trait that my parents encouraged:** Fairness

**I can't stand:** Judgmental people

**One thing I've learned in life:** The more effort you put in, the more you get out.

**If money and time were no problem:** I would like to take a raft trip down the Colorado River.

## Economic Development Department

*The Northwest suburbs is the fastest growing sub-region of the Chicago Metropolitan area.*

Bill Howard's Continuing Education and Program Services Division has addressed the community needs that are a result of this growth through the establishment of the Economic Development Department. Included in this department, which is located at the Northeast Center, 1375 South Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, is the Industry Services Center headed by Sam Geati, the Strategic Planning and Organization Services with Russ Kingsley and the Economic Development Services coordinated by Kathy Gilmer.

The Economic Development Department is funded through a grant from the Illinois College Community Board. "The State is recognizing the services that community colleges can provide. Our programs are reflective of the community development function of a community college. That means education not only in the classroom but also in the community when and where there is a need," commented Howard. To this end, each college develops programs which address the individual needs of their area. The grant is renewed annually and is based on a formula using enrollment and population figures.

Within Industry Services, Harper is involved in many on-site programs. The process of bringing the instructor to the students is one of the ways Harper serves its public and private community. "The main mission is to encourage participation in Harper's Educational Services Agreement, which states that businesses within the Harper College district can now offer Harper in-district tuition rates to employees who live outside the College district," emphasized Geati. There are several on-site training programs, including a math class at Motorola which Pauline Jenness has adapted to the needs of the workers who are preparing for a new manufacturing environment. There are many Adult Educational Development programs in progress which address nonnative literacy, reading and writing. One of these is a conversational Japanese class being taught to Gould employees who are working with the Nippon Mining company. There is a Japanese native in the class to interpret any technical terms. These courses can be taken as credit, non-credit or continuing education classes, and can be in the form of workshops, seminars or classroom training. In addition to promoting Harper's services, funding information is a big part of Geati's job.

Organization and community development specialist Russ Kingsley's current focus is on strategic planning for corporations and is moving into other areas, both public and private, including social action in the community. Strategic planning seminars have been held with the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, and other cities have scheduled future seminars. In total, 102 seminars with 46 organizations have been held over the past three years.

The third component is economic development services. Economic development specialist Kathy Gilmer is currently involved in two efforts to encourage cooperation among business, education and government leaders in the Northwest suburbs. "Northwest 2001 is a regional agenda designed to plan, guide and energize business and community development and the first conference, to include about 500 participants, will be held at Harper May 20 and 21," reports Gilmer. Gilmer along with Barb Hayskar and Mershon Shrigley is also involved in promoting the affiliation of industry, community and academia located along I-90 from O'Hare through Elgin. The Golden Corridor Council is dedicated to the enhancement of economic growth in this "corridor of opportunity".

Northwest 2001 and the Golden Corridor invite residents and business leaders to look at the Northwest suburbs as a whole unit and also to determine their own individual role. Each community and each business can fit their unique needs and plan into the overall scheme. Gilmer feels that "the goal for Harper is to facilitate action by residents and business to help them work together — Harper can act as a catalyst for growth."

The College Economic Development Department provides resource materials, surveys and other information to aid companies seeking to locate or expand in the Northwest suburban area. The comprehensive nature of the Department, from assessment to filling the needs of the private and public Northwest suburban area has proven to be a challenge to the staff and to the Continuing Education department. It is obvious that they are meeting that challenge.

DEVELOPMENT  
ECONOMIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE  
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MAY 20 - 21, 1987



Members of the Economic Development Department, (l. to r.) Kathy Gilmer, Mershon Shrigley, Sam Geati and Russ Kingsley discuss ongoing economic development projects.

# Straight Talk on AIDS

Every newspaper, many magazines and several television shows have deluged readers with much information, often conflicting, about AIDS. This article is the result of gathering the most recent published information and attending the program conducted by Jack Doherty, Counseling Coordinator at the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago.

## What is AIDS?

AIDS is shorthand for the acquired (not inherited) immune deficiency (a breakdown of the body's defense system, producing susceptibility to certain diseases) syndrome (a spectrum of disorders and symptoms).

## What causes AIDS?

A virus called HIV causes AIDS. This virus is very fragile and does not survive outside body cells.

## How is AIDS spread?

The AIDS virus is present in blood and semen. The AIDS virus is spread through sexual contact and by shared or dirty needles. The virus can also be passed on from infected mothers to their babies during pregnancy, at birth or shortly after birth (presumably through breast milk).

Since 1985, the chances are slight that anyone will catch the virus through blood transfusions or other blood clotting disorders. Blood collection centers test all donated blood for antibody to the AIDS virus. Clotting factor products are now heated or treated chemically to destroy the virus.

AIDS is not spread by casual, nonsexual contact. This means that you cannot catch AIDS from a cough, a sneeze, a handshake, or a hug. You won't get AIDS by working closely with a coworker who has the disease. Nor will you get it by having coffee, going to lunch or sharing toilet facilities with that person.

## Is AIDS easy to catch?

It is very difficult to catch AIDS. Careful studies have shown that doctors, nurses and medical technicians who have taken care of AIDS patients have not contracted the disease from them. Scientists have not found a single instance in which the AIDS virus has been spread through ordinary nonsexual contact in a family, work or social setting.

## Who is at risk?

Persons in the following groups are at increased risk of infection by the AIDS virus:

Homosexual and bisexual men (or men who have had sex with another man since 1977).

People who inject illegal intravenous drugs or who have done so in the past.

Male or female prostitutes and their sex partners.

Sex partners of persons infected with the AIDS virus.

*"This disease is not caused by promiscuity. When articles refer to persons at risk having multiple sex partners, that only means more than one." — Jack Doherty*

## Who gets AIDS?

Statistics indicate that 70 to 75% of people with AIDS have been homosexual or bisexual men; 17% have been intravenous drug abusers. AIDS can be transmitted sexually between men and women — more men infect women than vice versa.

## Is there an epidemic?

Statistics have been kept since 1981. Since then there have been 32,900 reported cases of AIDS in persons over the age of 15 in the United States. Best estimates are that another three million have the virus and are not aware that they have it.

It is possible to have the HIV virus and to be without symptoms. Incubation periods have been estimated at up to 15 years before AIDS is actually identified.

*"By 1991 everyone will know someone diagnosed with AIDS." — Jack Doherty*

There is a blood test available which tests for the presence of antibody.

## Should I be tested?

People who are deciding whether to take the test should consult a knowledgeable health care professional for counseling first; there are both medical and nonmedical issues involved, and anyone being tested should understand clearly both the implications and limitations of the test. What if my blood test is positive? A positive test indicates that the person has been exposed to the virus. It does not tell whether he/she has or will develop AIDS.

*"Even if you have no symptoms and have tested positive, you must regard yourself as potentially infectious." — Jack Doherty*

## Is there a cure?

Presently AIDS is universally fatal, there is no cure. The FDA recently approved a treatment drug which is available to only 40% of AIDS victims and is thought to block further deterioration. The drug is very expensive (\$10,000-\$15,000 per year) and is not a cure.

## When will there be a cure?

Best estimates are that there will be a vaccine available by 1991 but a cure will not exist until well into the next century. The cure is double edged. The virus must be killed and the immune system rebuilt.

## How can I prevent AIDS?

Practice safer sex — also called barrier sex which includes reducing the number of sex partners and knowing them well; always using condoms and spermicides; and taking good care of yourself.

*"Adequate rest, reduction of your stress level to manageable proportions, good nutrition, regular exercise, and the making of conscientious decisions about your personal behavior are all important." — Jack Doherty*

Avoid alcohol or other drugs in connection with sexual encounters; they cloud judgment.

## What about health care workers?

Health care workers do not have a high risk of getting AIDS. All health care professionals need only to use good sanitary methods, rubber gloves, disinfectants and good common sense.

## What is Harper doing about AIDS?

Harper and Northwestern University are at the forefront of educational institutions in the area in providing education programs and materials about AIDS. Employee and student seminars have been held with Jack Doherty from the Howard Brown Clinic, Chicago and Stephen S. Caiazza, M.D. and more informational programs are planned. The Health Services Office at Harper has much information in the way of literature and referral services.

The College Board of Trustees is currently in the process of approving a policy for students and employees regarding chronic communicable diseases.

## ILLINOIS STATE HOTLINE 1 800-AID-AIDS

Health Services has a list of 30 centers in the metropolitan area where concerned persons can receive a blood test and maintain anonymity. Jack Doherty will speak on AIDS and answer any questions you have on the following date:

April 30 10-11:30 am and 1-2:30 pm

Please register so that Health Services knows how many seats are needed.

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